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SUBJECT: AVIATION EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION

FOR COMMERCE MURRIN/AIE

BIC/OIM/SAD FROM CUMMINGS

1. MISSION COMPLETED GABORONE LEG TODAY. RECEPTION HERE WAS WARM DESPITE DEPLETION OF MISSION DUE TO ILLNESS EN ROUTE. SCHEDULE ARRANGED BY EMBASSY INCLUDED MEETINGS WITH VICE PRESIDENT MINISTER OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS, ASSISTANT MINISTER OF FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND MANY OTHER KEY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. AMBASSADOR HOSTED A LUNCHEON AND A RECEPTION, BOTH OF WHICH WERE WELL ATTENDED. EMBASSY SUPPORT WAS IN DEPTH AND IN ADDITION TO AMBASSADOR INCLUDED DCM THOMSEN, ECONOMIC OFFICER POPE AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER HOOPER.

2. PEACE AND COMMERCE AND WRIGHT BROTHERS MEDALS WERE PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF MISSION MEMBERS TO THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS AT THE AMBASSADOR S LUNCHEON. EMBASSY WILL GIVE ITS ASSESSMENT OF THIS GESTURE. (EMBASSY COMMENT: MEDAL PRESENTATION WAS VERY WORTHWHILE. VICE PRESIDENT IN PARTICULAR MADE POINT OF SHOWING MEDAL TO OTHER LUNCHEON GUESTS AND

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HAVING PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN HOLDING MEDAL. THIS SMALL EXPENSE WAS

MOST COST-EFFECTIVE IN OUR VIEW. END COMMENT.)

3. AT PRESENT THE MARKET HERE IS SMALL FOR AVIATION AND GROUND
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT BUT THE MISSION MEMBERS WHO CAME HERE CONSIDERED
THEIR TRIP WORTHWHILE.
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